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Please amend the Title on page 1 as follows:

Data Recording Apparatus, Data Recording Method, and Optical Recording Medium
Including Pseudo-Erasing Features

Page 7, after line 12, please insert the following:

Fig. 12 is a block diagram of a system according to the present invention.

Fig. 13 is another block diagram of a system according to the present invention.

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Figure 12 is a block diagram of one embodiment of the present invention. A data recording means 1201 records data onto the optical recording media 1. A data pseudo-erasing means 1202 cooperates with the data recording means 1201 for erasing contents information of a track containing the data so as to pseudo-erase the data. A packet positioning recording means 1203 cooperates with the data pseudo-erasing means 1202 and data recording means 1201 to record information on the optical recording media 1 indicating an end position of the packet containing the data. A data discriminating means 1204 cooperates with the packet positioning recording means 1203 for discriminating whether new data up to the end position of the packet is to be updated in accordance with the information indicating the end position of the packet.

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Figure 13 is another block diagram of an embodiment according to the present invention. Figure 13 is like that of Figure 12, except for a data recording controller 1301 that cooperates with a data pseudo-erasing controller 1302 with a packet positioning recording controller 1303, in order to provide pseudo-erasing and packet positioning functions.